

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 307.10 and 307.12 and 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 312, section 3, the Iowa Department of Transportation, on October 12, 2011, adopted amendments to Chapter 400, "Vehicle Registration and Certificate of Title," and Chapter 401, "Special Registration Plates," Iowa Administrative Code.

Notice of Intended Action for these amendments was published in the September 7, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9742B**.

The amendments implement 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 651, which was effective July 1, 2011, and provide for combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action medal, combat medical badge, civil war sesquicentennial, and fallen peace officers special registration plates.

The amendments also implement 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 312, which was effective July 1, 2011, and apply to registration plates issued during registration periods beginning on or after January 1, 2012. 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 312, section 3, allows the Department to adopt rules requiring the use of a sticker for special trucks when regular registration plates or special registration plates are displayed in lieu of special truck registration plates.

These rules do not provide for waivers. Any person who believes that the person's circumstances meet the statutory criteria for a waiver may petition the Department for a waiver under 761—Chapter 11.

These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 321, 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 651, and 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 312.

These amendments will become effective December 7, 2011.

Rule-making actions:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following new subrule 400.53(4):

400.53(4) *Special truck sticker.* An owner of a special truck, registered pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.121, who has been issued either regular registration plates or special registration plates other than special truck registration plates must obtain from the county treasurer a sticker which distinguishes the vehicle as a special truck. The sticker shall be affixed to the lower right corner of the rear registration plate. EXCEPTION: If the vehicle displays front and rear plates, two stickers shall be issued with one sticker affixed to the lower right corner of the front plate and rear plate. For natural resources plates, the stickers must be affixed to the lower left corner of the front and rear plates.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **761—400.53(321)**, implementation sentence, as follows:

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.34, 321.40, 321.41, 321.121 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 312, section 3, and 321.166.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following new rule 761—401.18(321):

761—401.18(321) Combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action medal, combat medical badge, fallen peace officers and civil war sesquicentennial plates. Following is the application and approval process for special plate requests under Iowa Code section 321.34 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 651, section 2.

401.18(1) *Design.*

a. The plates shall be a standard background plate with a distinguishing processed emblem specific to each plate type, consistent with processed emblems approved pursuant to rule 761—401.15(321).

b. The distinguishing processed emblem shall be limited to 3" × 3½" on the registration plate.

c. A distinguishing processed emblem owned or subject to legal rights of another person will not be used unless the department receives certification from the person that allows use of the emblem. The certification must include a statement holding the department harmless for using the emblem on a registration plate.

d. The office of vehicle services may consult with other organizations, law enforcement authorities, and the general public concerning distinguishing processed emblems.

401.18(2) Production. None of the special registration plates subject to this rule will be manufactured or issued until 250 paid applications are submitted to the department. This minimum order requirement applies to each of the special registration plates subject to this rule. Each application must be accompanied by a statutory start-up fee.

401.18(3) Discontinuance. If 250 paid applications for any special registration plate subject to this rule are not submitted within one year after the date the department makes the plate available for application, the department shall report that fact to the legislature at the next regular session of the general assembly and request authority to discontinue the special registration plate.

401.18(4) Application process.

a. Applications for either letter-number designated or personalized combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action medal, or combat medical badge special registration plates shall be submitted to the department on a form prescribed by the department. The applicant shall attach to the application a copy of an official government document verifying award of the combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action medal or combat medical badge to the applicant.

b. Applications for letter-number designated civil war sesquicentennial or fallen peace officers special registration plates shall be submitted to the county treasurer.

c. Applications for personalized civil war sesquicentennial or fallen peace officers special registration plates shall be submitted to the department on a form prescribed by the department.

401.18(5) Characters. Plates are limited to five characters. Personalized plates shall consist of no less than two nor more than five characters and shall be issued in accordance with subrule 401.6(2), paragraphs “a” to “d.”

401.18(6) Right of approval. The department reserves the right to approve or disapprove any application.

ITEM 4. Amend **761—Chapter 401**, implementation sentence, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 35A.11 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 651, section 1, 321.34 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 651, section 2, 321.105, 321.166 and 321L.1.

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